

Motion of Mr. Dane

MOTION of Mr. DANE,

RESOLVED, THAT the geographer of the United States, and the surveyors appointed pursuant to the ordinance of Congress, passed May 20, 1785, for ascertaining the mode of disposing of lands in the western territory, and who have accepted their appointments proceed in the execution of the said ordinance.

Provided, however, and it is resolved that the tract of territory bounded westerly by the river Scioto; southerly and easterly by the river Ohio; and northerly by geog. & Surveys run no farther Northwardly than to the east and west line first mentioned and directed to be run in said ordinance; and the tract of territory lying upon the river Ohio, between the little Miami and Indian Kentucky, inclusive, and extending northerly from the said river Ohio, so far as may be found necessary for locating four townships, in each range of townships extending from south to north, be first surveyed, saving the lands assigned to the Indians.

Resolved, That in dividing said territory into townships, due regard be had to the natural boundaries of townships in those particular cases wherein a rigid adherence to lines run east and west, north and south, as boundaries would manifestly prejudice the sales and future condition of said townships.

Resolved, That as soon as nine ranges of townships, and fractional parts of townships, of said first mentioned tract of territory, from south to north, shall have been surveyed; the geographer shall transmit plats thereof to the board of treasury, and of the residue of said tract as soon as the same shall be surveyed—and as soon as ten ranges of townships, and fractional parts of townships of the last mentioned tract of territory, from south to north, shall have been surveyed; the said geographer shall transmit plats thereof to the said board, and of the residue of said tract as soon as surveyed.

Library of Congress

Resolved, That the geographer direct four of said surveyors to proceed in the first instance, in surveying the said last mentioned tract, and the other surveyors, in surveying the said first mentioned tract of territory.

Western Territory Finished